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ADVERSARY PROCEEDING COVER SHEET (Instructions on Reverse)		ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NUMBER (Court Use Only)			
PLAINTIFFS	DEFENDANTS				
ATTORNEYS (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone No.)	ATTORNEYS (If Known)				
PARTY (Check One Box Only) □ Debtor □ U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin □ Creditor □ Other □ Trustee	PARTY (C Debtor Creditor Trustee	Check One Box Only) □ U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin □ Other			
CAUSE OF ACTION (WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE OF ACTION, INCLUDING ALL U.S. STATUTES INVOLVED) NATURE OF SUIT (Number up to five (5) boxes starting with lead cause of action as 1, first alternative cause as 2, second alternative cause as 3, etc.)					
FRBP 7001(1) – Recovery of Money/Property 11-Recovery of money/property - \$542 turnover of property 12-Recovery of money/property - \$547 preference 13-Recovery of money/property - \$548 fraudulent transfer 14-Recovery of money/property - other	FRBP 7001(6) – Dischargeability (continued) 61-Dischargeability - \$523(a)(5), domestic support 68-Dischargeability - \$523(a)(6), willful and malicious injury 63-Dischargeability - \$523(a)(8), student loan 64-Dischargeability - \$523(a)(15), divorce or separation obligation				
FRBP 7001(2) – Validity, Priority or Extent of Lien 21-Validity, priority or extent of lien or other interest in property	(other than domestic support) 65-Dischargeability - other				
FRBP 7001(3) – Approval of Sale of Property ☐ 31-Approval of sale of property of estate and of a co-owner - §363(h)	FRBP 7001(7) – Injunctive Relief 71-Injunctive relief – imposition of stay 72-Injunctive relief – other				
FRBP 7001(4) – Objection/Revocation of Discharge 41-Objection / revocation of discharge - §727(c),(d),(e)		Subordination of Claim or Interest dination of claim or interest			
FRBP 7001(5) − Revocation of Confirmation 51-Revocation of confirmation	FRBP 7001(9) Declaratory Judgment 91-Declaratory judgment				
FRBP 7001(6) – Dischargeability ☐ 66-Dischargeability - §523(a)(1),(14),(14A) priority tax claims ☐ 62-Dischargeability - §523(a)(2), false pretenses, false representation, actual fraud ☐ 67-Dischargeability - §523(a)(4), fraud as fiduciary, embezzlement, larceny (continued next column)	Other SS-SIPA	D) Determination of Removed Action mination of removed claim or cause Case – 15 U.S.C. §§78aaa et.seq. (e.g. other actions that would have been brought in state court			
i i		elated to bankruptcy case)			
☐ Check if this case involves a substantive issue of state law ☐ Check if a jury trial is demanded in complaint	Demand \$	this is asserted to be a class action under FRCP 23			
Other Relief Sought					

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BANKRUPTCY CASE IN WHICH THIS ADVERSARY PROCEEDING ARISES						
NAME OF DEBTOR		BANKRUPTCY CASE NO.				
DISTRICT IN WHICH CASE IS PENDING		DIVISION OFFICE	NAME OF JUDGE			
RELATED ADVERSARY PROCEEDING (IF ANY)						
PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT	Γ	ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NO.			
DISTRICT IN WHICH ADVERSARY IS PENDIN	IG	DIVISION OFFICE	NAME OF JUDGE			
SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF)						
DATE		PRINT NAME OF ATTORNE	Y (OR PLAINTIFF)			

INSTRUCTIONS

The filing of a bankruptcy case creates an "estate" under the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court which consists of all of the property of the debtor, wherever that property is located. Because the bankruptcy estate is so extensive and the jurisdiction of the court so broad, there may be lawsuits over the property or property rights of the estate. There also may be lawsuits concerning the debtor's discharge. If such a lawsuit is filed in a bankruptcy court, it is called an adversary proceeding.

A party filing an adversary proceeding must also complete and file Form 104, the Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet, *unless the party files the adversary proceeding electronically through the court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system (CM/ECF). (CM/ECF captures the information on Form 104 as part of the filing process.) When completed, the cover sheet summarizes basic information on the adversary proceeding. The clerk of court needs the information to process the adversary proceeding and prepare required statistical reports on court activity.

The cover sheet and the information contained on it do not replace or supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, the Bankruptcy Rules, or the local rules of court. The cover sheet, which is largely self-explanatory, must be completed by the plaintiff's attorney (or by the plaintiff if the plaintiff is not represented by an attorney). A separate cover sheet must be submitted to the clerk for each complaint filed.

Plaintiffs and **Defendants.** Give the names of the plaintiffs and defendants exactly as they appear on the complaint.

Attorneys. Give the names and addresses of the attorneys, if known.

Party. Check the most appropriate box in the first column for the plaintiffs and the second column for the defendants.

Demand. Enter the dollar amount being demanded in the complaint.

Signature. This cover sheet must be signed by the attorney of record in the box on the second page of the form. If the plaintiff is represented by a law firm, a member of the firm must sign. If the plaintiff is pro se, that is, not represented by an attorney, the plaintiff must sign.

*Per LBR 7003-1, in the EDVA, a properly completed Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet is required.

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION

In re:) Case No. 08-35653 (KRH)
CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC., et al.,) Chapter 11
Debtors.) (Jointly Administered)
ALFRED H. SIEGEL, AS TRUSTEE OF THE CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC. LIQUIDATING TRUST,)) Adv. Pro. No. 10
Plaintiff,)
v.)
AMORE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY; CUSTOM PLUMBING OF LEE COUNTY INC; and CWAC CUSTOM WOODWORKING AND CABINETRY, LLC dba CWAC CUSTOM WOODWORKING AND CABINETRY LLC,)))))))
Defendants.	_)

THE LIQUIDATING TRUSTEE'S COMPLAINT
TO AVOID AND RECOVER PREFERENTIAL
TRANSFERS AND OBJECTION TO CLAIM NOS. 5766, 6220, AND 7295

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Alfred H. Siegel, the duly appointed trustee of the Circuit City Stores, Inc.

Liquidating Trust (the "Trustee"), pursuant to the Second Amended Joint Plan of Liquidation of Circuit City Stores, Inc. and its Affiliated Debtors and Debtors in Possession and its Official Committee of Creditors Holding General Unsecured Claims (the "Plan"), for his complaint and for his objections to proofs of claim number 5766 against CWAC Custom Woodworking and Cabinetry, LLC dba CWAC Custom Woodworking and Cabinetry LLC ("Defendant CWAC"), claim number 6220 against Defendant Custom Plumbing of Lee County Inc. ("Defendant Custom"), and claim number 7295 against Amore Construction Company ("Defendant Amore", collectively with Defendant Custom and Defendant CWAC, the "Defendants") alleges as follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. The Trustee brings this action against Defendants to recover amounts due and owing from Defendants to Circuit City arising from the relationship between the parties.

The Trustee seeks to avoid and recover certain preferential transfers that occurred during the 90-day period prior to the commencement of Circuit City's bankruptcy proceedings. In addition, the Trustee objects to Defendants' proofs of claim filed against the Debtors' estates.

THE PARTIES

2. The Trustee ("Trustee" or "Plaintiff") is the duly appointed trustee of the Circuit City Stores, Inc. Liquidating Trust (the "Trust"). Pursuant to Articles II and III of the Trust, the Trustee has the sole authority to pursue claims transferred to the Trust by the Debtors through the Plan, and to litigate objections to claims asserted against the Debtors' estates.

- 3. Prior to the Effective Date of the Plan, Circuit City Stores, Inc. and its affiliated debtors in possession (collectively "Circuit City" or the "Debtors") were corporations that maintained their respective principal places of business in the locations set forth below, and were the debtors in the above-captioned chapter 11 bankruptcy cases.
- 4. Upon information and belief, Defendant Amore is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal place of business in Tampa, Florida.
- 5. Upon information and belief, Defendant CWAC is a limited liability corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal place of business in Kissimmee, Florida.
- 6. Upon information and belief, Defendant Custom is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal place of business in Fort Myers, Florida.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 7. This Court has jurisdiction to consider this matter under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334.
 - 8. This is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b).

¹ The Debtors and the last four digits of their respective taxpayer identification numbers are as follows: Circuit City Stores, Inc. (3875), Circuit City Stores West Coast, Inc. (0785), InterTAN, Inc. (0875), Ventoux International, Inc. (1838), Circuit City Purchasing Company, LLC (5170), CC Aviation, LLC (0841), CC Distribution Company of Virginia, Inc. (2821), Circuit City Properties, LLC (3353), Kinzer Technology, LLC (2157), Abbott Advertising Agency, Inc. (4659), Patapsco Designs, Inc.(6796), Sky Venture Corp. (0311), PRAHS, Inc.(n/a), XSStuff, LLC (9263), Mayland MN, LLC (6116), Courchevel, LLC (n/a), Orbyx Electronics, LLC (3360), and Circuit City Stores PR, LLC (5512). The address for Circuit City Stores West Coast, Inc. is 9250 Sheridan Boulevard, Westminster, Colorado 80031. For all other Debtors, the address was 9950 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23233 and currently is 4951 Lake Brook Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23060.

- 9. Venue of these chapter 11 cases and this adversary proceeding in this district and before this Court is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 10. The statutory and legal predicates for the relief requested by the Complaint are sections 105, 502, 503, 547, and 550 of title 11, United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Bankruptcy Rules 3007 and 7001, and Local Bankruptcy Rule 3007-1.

PERTINENT FACTS

A. General Case Background

- 11. On November 10, 2008 (the "Petition Date"), the Debtors filed voluntary petitions in this Court for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, and until the effective date of the Plan, continued to operate as debtors in possession pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 1107 and 1108.
- 12. On November 12, 2008, the Office of the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Virginia appointed a statutory committee of unsecured creditors (the "Creditors' Committee").
- 13. On January 16, 2009, the Court authorized the Debtors to, among other things, conduct going out of business sales at all of the Debtors' retail locations (the "Stores") pursuant to an agency agreement (the "Agency Agreement") between the Debtors and a joint venture, as agent (the "Agent"). On January 17, 2009, the Agent commenced going out of business sales at the Stores pursuant to the Agency Agreement. As of March 8, 2009, the going out of business sales at the Debtors' stores were completed.
- 14. On August 9, 2010, the Debtors and the Creditors' Committee filed the Plan, which provides for the liquidation of the Debtors' assets and distribution of the proceeds thereof under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.

- 15. On September 10, 2010, the United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Virginia, signed an Order confirming the Plan.
 - 16. The Plan became effective on November 1, 2010 (the "Effective Date").

B. The Business Relationship Between Circuit City and Defendants

- 17. Prior to the commencement of these bankruptcy cases, the Debtors were a leading specialty retailer of consumer electronics and operated large nationwide electronics stores that sold, among other things, televisions, home theatre systems, computers, camcorders, furniture, software, imaging and telecommunications products, and other audio and video electronics.
- 18. During the ordinary course of the Debtors' business, the Debtors maintained books and records of their transactions with Defendants (the "Books and Records").

i. Defendant Amore

- 19. Circuit City and Defendant Amore entered into an agreement pursuant to which Defendant provided construction services to Circuit City (the "Agreement").
- 20. Upon information and belief, during the course of their relationship, Circuit City and Defendant Amore engaged in numerous transactions that are reflected in communications and other documents (collectively, "Defendant Amore's Agreements").
- 21. Circuit City and Defendant Amore conducted business with one another up to and through the Petition Date under Defendant Amore's Agreements.

ii. <u>Defendant Custom</u>

22. Upon information and belief, Defendant Custom entered into an agreement with Defendant Amore to serve as a subcontractor for work that Defendant Amore was contracted to perform for Circuit City.

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iii. Defendant CWAC

23. Upon information and belief, Defendant CWAC entered into an agreement with Defendant Amore to serve as a subcontractor for work that Defendant Amore was contracted to perform for Circuit City.

C. <u>Amount Allegedly Owed to Defendants and Defendants' Proofs</u> of Claim

i. <u>Defendant Amore – Claim No. 7295</u>

- 24. On or about January 26, 2009, Defendant Amore filed a claim in the amount of \$894,082.30, of which \$886,062.30 was allegedly a secured claim and \$8,020.00 was allegedly a generally unsecured claim. The Claims Agent appointed by the Court designated this claim as Claim No. 7295.
- 25. On March 17, 2010, the Court entered its Supplemental order on Debtors' Thirty-Third Omnibus Objection to Claims (Modification and/or Reclassification of Certain Claims [Docket No. 6852] (the "Thirty-Third Omnibus Order"). Pursuant to the Thirty-Third Omnibus Order, Claim No. 7295 was reclassified such that the entirety of the claim, in the amount of \$894,082.30 is a general unsecured claim.

ii. Defendant Custom – Claim No. 6220

- 26. On or about January 27, 2009, Defendant Custom filed secured claim in the amount of \$7,531.30 for alleged goods and services supplied. The Claims Agent appointed by the Court designated this claim as Claim No. 6220.
- 27. On August 12, 2009, the Court entered its Order on Debtors' Nineteenth Omnibus Objection to Claims (Reclassification of Certain Misclassified Claims to General

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Unsecured, Non-Priority Claims) [Docket No. 4449] (the "Nineteenth Omnibus Order").

Pursuant to the Nineteenth Omnibus Order, Claim No. 6220 was modified such that the entirety of the claim, in the amount of \$7,531.30 is a general unsecured claim.

iii. Defendant CWAC – Claim No. 5766

- 28. On January 26, 2009, Defendant CWAC filed secured claim in the amount of \$5,723.00 for alleged mill work services. The Claims Agent appointed by the Court designated this claim as Claim No. 5766.
- 29. Pursuant to the Thirty-Third Omnibus Order, Claim No. 5766 was reclassified such that the entirety of the claim, in the amount of \$5,723.00 is a general unsecured claim.

D. Transfers to Defendant Amore Made Within 90 Days Prior to the Petition Date

- 30. During the 90-day period prior to the commencement of Circuit City's bankruptcy cases (the "Preference Period"), Circuit City transferred property to or for the benefit of Defendant in an amount not less than \$1,010,932.99. A list identifying each and every transfer during the Preference Period is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u> and incorporated herein by reference (collectively, the "Preferential Transfers").
- 31. Plaintiff acknowledges that some of the Preferential Transfers might be subject to defenses under Bankruptcy Code section 547(c), for which the Defendant Amore bears the burden of proof under Section 547(g). Plaintiff will work with Defendant Amore to exchange applicable information in an effort to resolve any and all factual issues with respect to potential defenses.

COUNT I

AVOIDANCE OF PREFERENTIAL TRANSFERS PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 547(b) (against Defendant Amore)

- 32. The Trustee repeats and realleges each of the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.
- 33. During the Preference Period, Defendant Amore was a creditor of one or more of the Debtors.
- 34. Each Preferential Transfer identified on Exhibit A hereto was made to or for the benefit of Defendant Amore.
- 35. Each Preferential Transfer was made for or on account of an antecedent debt or debts owed by one or more of the Debtors before such Preferential Transfers were made.
 - 36. Each Preferential Transfer was made during the Preference Period.
 - 37. Each Preferential Transfer was made while the Debtors were insolvent.
- 38. Each Preferential Transfer enabled Defendant Amore to receive more than Defendant Amore would have received if (i) the Debtors' chapter 11 cases were instead cases under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code; (ii) the transfers and/or payments had not been made; and (iii) Defendant Amore received payment on account of the debt paid by the Preferential Transfers to the extent provided by the Bankruptcy Code.
- 39. Each Preferential Transfer constitutes an avoidable preference pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 547(b).

COUNT II

RECOVERY OF PREFERENTIAL TRANSFERS PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 550 (against Defendant Amore)

- 40. The Trustee repeats and realleges each of the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein
- 41. Defendant Amore was either (i) the initial transferee of the Preferential Transfers, (ii) the entity for whose benefit the Preferential Transfers were made, or (iii) an immediate or mediate transferee of the Preferential Transfers.
- 42. Each Preferential Transfer that is avoided under Section 547(b) is recoverable pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 550.
- 43. Subject to potential defenses, the Trustee is entitled to recover the value of the Preferential Transfers pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 550(a).

COUNT III (against Defendant Amore)

OBJECTION TO CLAIM NO. 7295 – DISALLOWANCE UNDER 11 U.S.C. § 502(d)

- 44. The Trustee repeats and realleges each of the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.
- 45. Claim No. 7295 asserts a right to payment allegedly owed by one or more of the Debtors.
- 46. As alleged above, each Preferential Transfer constitutes an avoidable preference pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 547(b), which is recoverable pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 550.

47. Accordingly, pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 502(d), Claim No.

7295 must be disallowed unless and until Defendant Amore pays to the Trustee an amount equal to each Preferential Transfer that is avoided.

COUNT IV

OBJECTION TO CLAIM NO. 7295 AS OVERSTATED (against Defendant Amore)

- 48. The Trustee repeats and realleges each of the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.
- 49. After a thorough review of the Debtors' Books and Records, the Trustee has determined that Claim No. 7295 is overstated by \$6,094.00.
 - 50. As a result, Claim No. 7295 should be reduced by \$6,094.00.

COUNT V

OBJECTION TO CLAIM NO. 6220 AS UNWARRANTED (against Defendant Custom)

- 51. The Trustee repeats and realleges each of the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.
- 52. After a thorough review of the Debtors' Books and Records, the Trustee has determined that Claim No. 6220 is unwarranted.
- 53. As a result, Claim No. 6220 should be disallowed in its entirety as unwarranted.

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COUNT VI

OBJECTION TO CLAIM NO. 5766 AS UNWARRANTED (against Defendant CWAC)

- 54. The Trustee repeats and realleges each of the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.
- 55. After a thorough review of the Debtors' Books and Records, the Trustee has determined that Claim No. 5766 is unwarranted.
- 56. As a result, Claim No. 5766 should be disallowed in its entirety as unwarranted

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Trustee respectfully requests and prays that the Court:

- i. Pursuant to Counts I and II, enter judgment against Defendant under 11 U.S.C. §§ 547 and 550 and allow the Trustee to avoid and recover the Preferential Transfers in an amount not less than \$1,010,932.99;
- ii. Pursuant to Count III disallow Claim No. 7295 in accordance with Bankruptcy Code section 502(d) pending payment to the Trustee of any avoidable and recoverable transfers;
- iii. Pursuant to Count IV, reduce Claim No. 7295 from the overstated amount of \$894,082.30, to \$887,988.30;
- iv. Pursuant to Count V, reduce Claim No. 6220 from the unwarranted amount of \$7,531.30 to \$0, thereby disallowing Claim No. 6220 in its entirety;
- v. Pursuant to Count VI, reduce Claim No. 5766 from the unwarranted amount of \$5,723.00 to \$0, thereby disallowing Claim No. 5766 in its entirety;
- vi. Award the Trustee prejudgment interest at the legally allowed applicable rate;

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- vii. Award the Trustee costs, and expenses of suit herein; and
- viii. Grant the Trustee such other and further relief the Court deems just and appropriate.

Dated: Richmond, Virginia November 10, 2010 TAVENNER & BERAN, PLC

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EXHIBIT A

(Preferential Transfers)

	Check Clear		
Vendor Name	Date	Check Number	Paid Amount
AMORE			
CONSTRUCTION CO AMORE	8/20/2008	4548814	\$ 201,367.80
CONSTRUCTION CO AMORE	8/20/2008	4548845	\$ 36,626.40
CONSTRUCTION CO AMORE	9/4/2008	4552611	\$ 550.00
CONSTRUCTION CO AMORE	9/9/2008	4552872	\$ 275.00
CONSTRUCTION CO AMORE	9/9/2008	4555340	\$ 9,949.25
CONSTRUCTION CO AMORE	9/15/2008	4556315	\$ 573,578.10
CONSTRUCTION CO AMORE	9/22/2008	4558627	\$ 136,219.50
CONSTRUCTION CO AMORE	9/29/2008	4559704	\$ 7,870.04
CONSTRUCTION CO	10/15/2008	4566605 Total Payment Amount	\$ 44,496.90 \$1,010,932.99